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SUBJECT: VORSTER VISIT TO ISRAEL

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1. GOCAR-CONTROLLED NEWS MEDIA GAVE DAILY COVERAGE TO THE VORSTER VISIT IN A FACTUAL, OBJECTIVE VEIN. INTERNATIONAL WIRE SERVICE REPORTS WERE USED ALMOST IN TOTO WITHOUT EMBELLISHMENT OR EDITORIAL COMMENT.

2. GIVEN THE ESTABLISHED GOCAR/SAG DIALOGUE (BANGUI 0343, 0112 AND 1539) WHICH HAS ALREADY RESULTED IN AN OFFICIAL VISIT BY FONMIN MULLER TO BANGUI AND IN DIRECT SAG ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TAKEN TOGETHER WITH BOKASSA'S WARY ATTITUDE TOWARD ARABS IN GENERAL, AND OBSESSIVE FEAR OF POSSIBLE PLO ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT (BANGUI 0528) THE VORSTER VISIT TO ISRAEL IS UNLIKELY TO HAVE ANY SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE GOCAR'S MIDDLE EAST POLICY. PROSPECTS FOR EVENTUAL RESUMPTION OF FULL DIPLOMATIC CONFIDENTIAL

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RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL WILL DEPEND ON DEGREE OF ARAB AID TO THE CAR AND AMOUNT OF PRESSURE WHICH ARABS BRING TO BEAR. THEY HAVE SUCCEEDED IN DELAYING RESUMPTION UNTIL NOW AND PROBABLY WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO FOR THE

IMMEDIATE FUTURE. HOWEVER, IRRESPECTIVE OF ARAB PRESSURE,
THE GOCAR IS UNLIKELY TO MODIFY ITS LONGSTANDING OPPOSITION
TO THE SUSPENSION OF ISRAEL FROM THE UNGA. VORSTER
VISIT HAS NOT IMPINGED ON THIS POSITION.
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